

## **Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee**

Dear Parents, Teachers, Administrators and Students,

As Mayor of the Gilbert, Arizona I would like to personally invite youth in grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> (ages 14-18) to participate in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. **YOU** are part of what makes Gilbert great and we need your voice to be heard in the community! As we enter the 28<sup>th</sup> year of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, I have witnessed the long-term effects of participation and the leadership skills that can be developed when you invest yourself in this great program.

MYAC contributes to the community in many ways including Youth Town Hall, Youth Government Day and our Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit. Students are involved in many volunteer efforts throughout the town and assist the Town Council in identifying problems effecting our community and most importantly, finding solutions.

The MYAC meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at Gilbert Town Hall in Room 300 from 5:00-6:30pm. Meetings will focus on enhancing leadership skills, knowledge of local government, as well as addressing the assigned task for the year. We ask that each student make a commitment to attend and participate.

Attached is a list of requirements for committee participation. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2015. You can apply online at <a href="https://www.gilbertaz.gov/myac">www.gilbertaz.gov/myac</a>.

Please feel free to contact Kurt Sharp at 480-503-6771 or via email at Kurt.Sharp@gilbertaz.gov if you have any questions.

Your contributions to the community are both needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

John W. Lewis

Mayor, Gilbert, Arizona



## Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) REQUIREMENTS AGREEMENT

- 1. To be eligible for MYAC, youth must live in Gilbert or attend a school in Gilbert and be in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade (14-18 years old).
- 2. Each member must make a minimum nine month commitment to the program (September to May). We encourage participation each school year until graduation.
- 3. MYAC meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Attendance is taken and required. Please see the 2015-2016 calendar for exact dates and times. If you have multiple unexcused absences and/or do not actively participate in the program, you may be removed from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee.
- 4. Each member must attend at least one council meeting during the school year.
- 5. MYAC is committed to community service. Each student must complete at least 10 hours of community service per school year. If you do not complete your community service, you will not be eligible to graduate and may not be invited back the next year. Opportunities for community service will also be made available.
- 6. Members are expected to participate in Youth Town Hall, Student Government Days and Youth Leadership Summit.
- 7. The Committee may also be asked to assist the Mayor with various assignments. You may be asked to attend meetings or participate in a focus group on various topics. Participation in these events are voluntary.

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Student Name:	Date:
Signature:	



## MYAC 2015-2016 Application

## **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name			
Address		City	Zip
Phone	Alt. Phon	e	
School	Grad	e	Age
Email address			
Do you have your parent's perm	ission to join the Co	mmittee	
Have you previously participated	d in MYAC? If yes, w	hen?	
List your extracurricular activitie	S		
What is your role as a teen in Gil	bert?		

What is one problem you have identified in Gilbert?
What is a possible solution to the problem you've identified?
Name one person who has inspired you and list the qualities you admire about that person.
What skills and talents do you bring to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee?

Please email, mail or drop off your completed application AND letter of recommendation from an adult (no relatives please) by 6pm on August 31, 2015 to:

**Kurt Sharp** 

**Special Assistant to the Mayor** 

Gilbert Town Hall 50 E. Civic Center Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85296 Email: Kurt.Sharp@gilbertaz.gov

Questions? Contact Kurt at 480.503.6771